

Senate Resolution 785

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Staton of the 18th, Williams of the 19th, Thomas of the 54th and Balfour of the 9th

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

Creating a Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2005, 19-year-old Jennifer Ross was shot by one of two assailants in an apparent robbery attempt, was left bleeding on the streets of Savannah, and died approximately one week later due to complications from the gunshot wounds she received; and

WHEREAS, the Level 1 trauma center at Memorial Health University Medical Center granted Jennifer's family seven "golden days" with her before she passed away on New Year's Day 2006; and

WHEREAS, trauma emergencies occur throughout this state each day, and the tragic death of Ms. Ross is one example of the need to maintain and expand Georgia's trauma services; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's trauma services and location of trauma centers, including the delivery of such services in all areas of this state, are greatly important to the safety and security of the citizens of this state and, having never received extensive study, merit such specialized consideration at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of

Representatives shall designate a member of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate who shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the cochairpersons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues mentioned above and any other issues related thereto and recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2006. The committee shall hold no more than five meetings and shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.